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IN VACATION.

Hope for Sinners.—Judge Key, of the Court of Civil Appeals of Texas, in a recent opinion, holds out hope for sinners in the courts as follows: "With some exceptions, created for reasons of public policy, the courts are open to every one who has a complaint to make; and it is immaterial whether he be Jew or Gentile, Christian or pagan, saint or sinner. Therefore, while the courts will not aid in the enforcement of a contract that violates the written law of the state, or contravenes public policy, the mere fact that it incidentally appears that a plaintiff has thus offended will not defeat his right to a recovery, which otherwise he would be entitled to. Sinner though he may be, the law will redress his wrongs, though his adversary be a saint (which, however, is not the case in this instance). Sainthood is not a prerequisite to entering the portals of the courts; and if it were few litigants (and perhaps no lawyers) would enter therein, and the judges could go fishing as often as they heard the call of the waters. Nor will it be amiss to say (as probably will be said) that if such test should be applied to the bench, many judges (including this writer) would be 'recalled;' for it is here and now frankly conceded that the adoption of such test would create more vacancies than the bar could furnish saints to fill." Heidenheimer *v.* Beer (Tex. Civ. App.), 155 S. W. 352, 356.

BOOK REVIEWS.

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Index and Directory of Virginia Law: Being a Complete Index to The Virginia Law Register (I to XIX), The Code and Acts of Virginia (1887 to 1914), The Constitution of Virginia, and a Complete Directory of Annotations in the "Trinity Set," L. R. A., Virginia Reports Annotated, and Virginia Law Register with Methods and Costs of Obtaining Charters, Rules of Practice, Canons of Ethics, Court Calendar and Official Directory and Complete Tables of Statutes Amended or Repealed, Statutes and Constitution Construed, Decisions Overruled, Questioned, or Decided by Divided Court, Addresses Before Virginia State Bar Association, Leading Articles in Virginia Law Journal Forms, Fees, etc., by Sam N. Hurst, author of "Hurst's Guide & Manual"; "Hurst's Annotated Virginia Digest" (9 vols.); Hurst's Index to Virginia Reports"; "Hurst's Va. & West Va. Criminal Digest"; "Hurst's Annotated Constitution"; Hurst's Form Book for Virginia Attorneys"; Hurst's Annotated Pocket Code of Virginia." Pulaski, Virginia Hurst & Company, Law Pub-